

McAleer Leaves Today for the South to Look Over Sites for Nationals' Training Camp

ATLANTA FAVORED FOR NATIONALS

Georgia Capital Will Likely Be Location of Washington Club's Training Camp—Official Averages Explain Poor Standing of Team in League Race.

Atlanta or Memphis will probably be the scene of the training camp of the Washington club in the spring. Jimmy McAleer leaves here this afternoon to go direct to Atlanta where he will hold a consultation with the club owners in that city to ascertain exactly what arrangements can be made to accommodate the Nationals in the Georgia capital. Since coming here McAleer has been in communication with those in charge in a number of Southern cities, but he said this morning that if he could close with the Atlanta people he was not likely to travel farther.

In Ponce de Leon Park, Atlanta has one of the largest and best fitted up ball plants in the country, and the hotel accommodations are considered as rating high. In addition there will be the further advantage of having a large number of major league clubs close enough at hand to obtain plenty of practice games.

Should there be any hitch McAleer will move on to Memphis to look over that field. As soon as he has talked it over in these two cities he is expected to return to Washington to tell the owners here of his trip of inspection, and then may be expected the final announcement.

Fast double play—Jim Sprigman to Jerry Murphy to Social Oyster Club.

Nationals' Batting.

Those who would attempt to find the true cause for the failure of the Nationals to finish higher in the American League need go no further than the official averages published today.

While Cunningham tops the list, he is hardly the true leader, as he played in but twenty-two games, while Clyde Milan, who comes next, performed in 142 contests, and came out with a record of .279. Few players on the circuit attracted more attention than the fleet outfielder, and the consensus of opinion among writers in the different cities was that there was no one on the roster of any of the clubs who showed more decided improvement in a single season than Milan.

One of the most surprising features about the official averages is the position of "Dutch" Schaefer. Although the fans, before the middle of the season, decided the batsman was of uselessness were over, the records set out by Ben Johnson show that the second baseman stood second among the men on the Washington team. For the season he hit .375, which was ten points higher than Jack Lelivelt. Bob Unglaub had a bad year, and his doom, so far as the Nationals are concerned, is apparently sealed.

Of the regulars held over from the previous year, McBride followed Milan in the matter of advancing in batting, and by climbing the ladder he improved considerably over his former performances. McBride is essentially a star fielder, and the consensus around the 230 mark his value to the club is even greater.

Have you ever Social Oyster clubbed?

Washington Recruits.

The hue and cry from the fans of Washington for a rejuvenation of the Nationals was answered by McAleer last summer by drawing in a number of recruits, but an examination of the official averages shows that the club was forced to rely almost entirely upon the regulars for its offensive strength.

Of the newcomers Cunningham was the only one to stand high while Sommerlot and Ralston fell so low in their batting that their only following were the catchers. But this does not necessarily mean that they are failures for there was no one in the league who attracted more attention in the closing days of the race than Ainsmith, who hit eight points better than the double century mark. Ainsmith is considered to be one of the most promising backstops that have broken into fast company in years and he will undoubtedly improve his stickwork as soon as he becomes more accustomed to his surroundings.

John Henry was another who fell far below the select company limit in batting, but whose general work was so impressive that he drew forth a bid from Connie Mack.

And Harvard is still wondering how it all happened.

Griffith's Shrewdness.

Baseball critics generally agree that "Old Fox" Griffith has entirely the best of the exchange of players made with Philadelphia. Washington fans have not had an opportunity to look over the "Red Stockings" of the National League, but they have seen the "Phillies" in action, and while the club was the first game with many evidences of class, the general verdict was that the Doolin bunch was worthy of much consideration.

Particularly the fans enjoyed both the playing and the opportunity to buy the now famous third baseman of the Fogle crowd.

The big fellow possessed a head molded very much on the order of the one owned by the "What Is It?" that made such a hit in the Barnum side shows years ago. Every time Grant

"AVIATOR" WADDELL TO PROMOTE MEET

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 21.—"Rube" Waddell, the erratic baseball pitcher, who finished the season with Joe McGinnity's Newark Indians, is going into the aviation business.

According to "Rube," he and Capt. Robert C. Mulliman have engaged the Newark baseball grounds, and will run an aviation meet there, beginning Thanksgiving Day and continue to and including next Sunday. The meet was originally intended to hold the meeting at Charleston, S. C., but arrangements could not be made for the grounds.

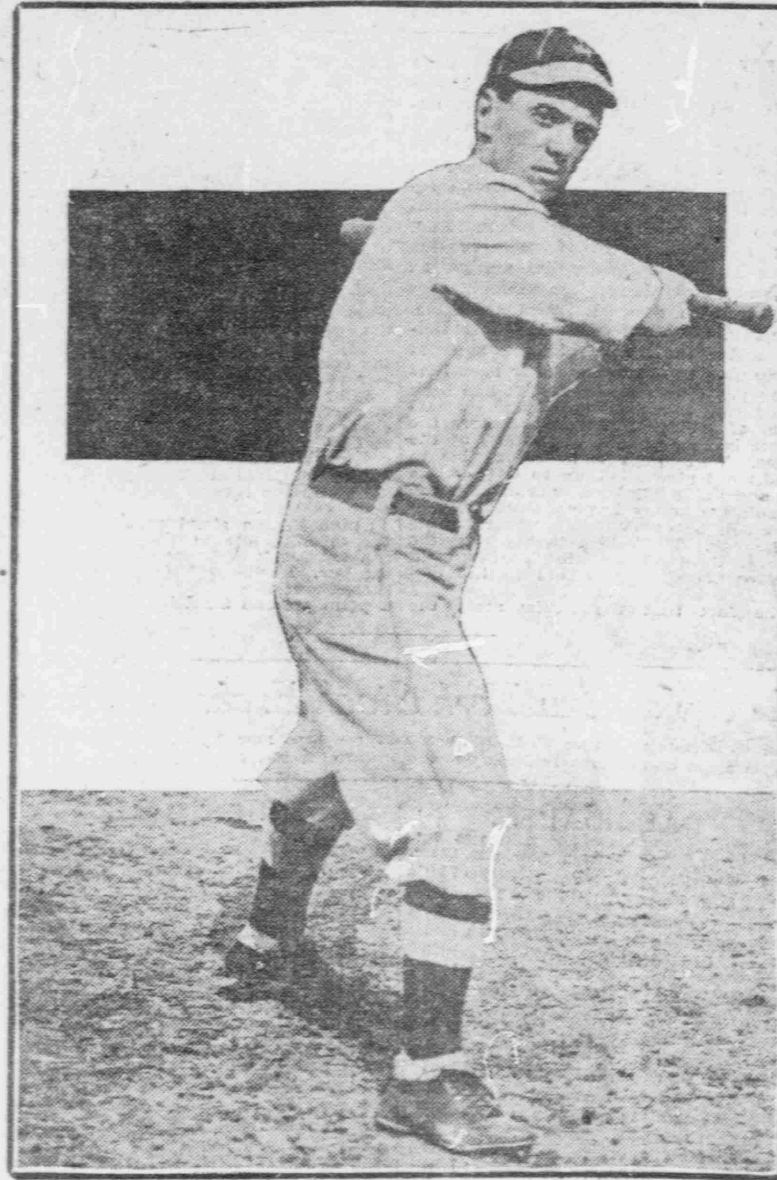
SHRUBB IS ENTREED IN MARATHON RACE

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Alfred Shrubb, the great little English runner, will be a starter in the Marathon race to be held in Madison Square Garden November 22.

Shrubb's partner will be A. E. Wood, ex-amateur ten-mile champion of England, who has come to this country in search of professional honors on the cinder path.

Wood was ten-mile A. A. A. champion in 1909 and champion of the southern counties and international champion in 1909 and 1910. On paper the Shrubb-Wood team looks far best, but the Holmer-Quest entry is regarded as exceptionally fast.

Led Nationals at Bat Past Season



CLYDE MILAN, His Improvement Over Previous Year's Form Was Not Exceeded by Any Man in American League.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY IN WORLD OF BASEBALL

The Indians as a race are very superstitious, and Billy Evans says Chief Bender is even more superstitious than the average of ball players.

The Toledo Mudhens are to train at Chattanooga, Tenn., from March 6 to 24.

Bob Ray, the young pitcher who trimmed Detroit three times last season, is to be farmed by the Browns.

Bill Burns, Red pitcher, owns a ranch in Texas, and ropes cattle in the off season.

Dr. Harley Parker, former National League pitcher, may buy the Grand Rapids club.

Scout Huff says Phil Cooney, ex-Nap, signed by Cubs, will be a star. Cooney batted .370 last season.

Rube Oldring, the Athletic star outfielder, is older than is generally supposed. He played on the same amateur team with Roy Thomas, who is thirty-five.

George Stone is still on the market. No club is willing to give the Browns a half-sack player for the veteran outfielder.

The Boston Nationals have offered the Cubs Curtis, Sweeney, and Herzog for Joe Tinker and Lew Ritchie, and it may go through.

How does Bill Dahlen keep perennially young? Bill is now thirty-nine years old, and looks about twenty-two. The secret with Bill, no doubt, is "don't worry."

There are a great many more lawyers playing professional ball than is generally known. Quite a number of big league stars are attorneys in the winter time.

Charlie Ebbets, of the Brooklyn club, says he is not fearing Fletcher at all, as he has all of his ball players signed for the coming season.

Dave Altizer, the Cincinnati shortstop, will marry Miss Catherine Ward, the daughter of Mr. Ward, of the Chicago water bureau, November 23.

Wetfl, Westerdahl, Kocher, and Onslow are the names of four youngsters signed by Detroit.

Pitcher Patsy Flaherty is to have another trial in fast company, this time with the Brooklyn team.

Word from Chicago has it that Johnny Evers is out of the game for good, so far as playing is concerned, on account of his broken ankle.

Frank Bancroft, of Cincinnati, will take fourteen regular players of the champion Athletics to Havana for a series of games in January and February.

One of the new plays of the present theatrical season is entitled "The Duchess of Suda." We are not mentioning any names, but there is a certain pitcher with the "Giants" who would be a riot as the "Duke of Suda."

Hughes Jennings is in New Orleans at present inspecting the training camp at Monroe, La.

All of the Philadelphia players involved in the deal with Cincinnati have signed with the Reds with the exception of Ed Grant, the third sacker.

Tris Speaker, the heavy-hitting center fielder of the Boston Red Sox, arrived in Dallas, Tex., Wednesday, completing an overland journey from Boston in his motor car.

John Kling celebrated his thirty-fifth birthday Tuesday. The famous Cub backstop claims that he is as young as ever was, but many of the fans doubt it since the last world's series.

Ed Walsh is about the toughest pitcher in the business to steal a base on. Eddie Collins says he hates to take a chance on Walsh, who has pinned him again and again before he could even get started.

KEELER MENTIONED AS BROWNS' LEADER

Hedges Lets Out Hint That "Wee Willie" May Manage His Club.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 21.—Ever since that his baseball scandal was kicked up in St. Louis when Larry Lajoie made eight hits in a game between the Browns and Cleveland, causing Jack O'Connor to lose his job as manager of the local American League aggregation, St. Louis fans have been busily engaged in trying to figure out just who the next leader of the St. Louis club would be.

Everybody was there with a guess on the most probable candidate for the vacancy, and the list was a long one, including some very capable men for the position.

But now it seems that the one best bet of the day was somewhat overlooked. At least this impression was gained upon the arrival home of President Hedges from Chicago. The boss of the Browns says that although he has not as yet decided on any one, it appears to him most every one has overlooked one of the greatest and also one of the smartest little players the game has ever known.

Hedges Likes Him.

The player referred to is none other than "Wee" Willie Keeler, last year a member of the New York Giants, and formerly a star in the American League with the New York Highlanders.

President Hedges says that he had quite a lengthy talk with Manager McGraw while on his recent visit to Chicago regarding Willie Keeler.

Hedges, so it seems, is a great admirer of McGraw as a baseball leader, and is firm in his belief that Keeler, as one of McGraw's pupils, would make a very competent manager. Besides having the knowledge gained by being a member of the Giants for one whole season under the leadership of McGraw and being a team-mate of Johnnie Keeler with all this, and always has been, a very smart ball player.

This is the first intimation that President Hedges has given as to his liking any man for the managerial berth left vacant by O'Connor. As to whether there is any great amount of importance to be placed in the hint regarding Keeler as a possibility for the position, only President Hedges himself can answer. It is a question, however, that is greatly worrying St. Louis fans, but it won't be many more weeks now before the suspense will be at an end.

BALTIMORE CLUB CHOOSES PLAYERS

Members of Whist Team Selected to Play in Washington.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 21.—The Baltimore Whist Club has selected its team to play in Washington on December 19. The players will be as follows:

Major Hale and Kent. McEldowney and Thomas. Brown and L. B. Jones. F. W. Smith and McCoy. Gaither and Jackson.

Since Washington won the cup at Norfolk the Invercity Whist Club has passed a ruling allowing any club to challenge the holder between the regular and yearly tournaments, and such victories to count as one-sixth of a win. Three wins give possession of the cup.

How Nationals Hit

	G.	R.	H.	S.	B.	Pct.
Cunningham	22	3	22	4	4	.297
Milan	142	89	148	7	44	.279
Schaefer	74	27	63	9	17	.275
Lelivelt	110	40	93	17	20	.265
Gessler	145	58	126	12	18	.259
Conroy	103	36	89	13	11	.254
Elberfeld	127	53	114	12	19	.250
Gray	35	7	21	1	0	.247
Unglaub	124	29	101	12	21	.234
Brown	37	18	31	3	5	.231
McBride	154	54	118	26	12	.230
Killifer	106	35	79	29	17	.229
Somerlott	16	6	14	0	2	.222
Ralston	22	4	15	4	2	.205
Street	89	13	52	9	1	.203
Reisling	31	3	12	5	2	.200
Ainsmith	33	4	20	1	0	.192
Johnson	45	14	24	1	2	.176
Beckendorf	40	8	18	4	0	.164
Henry	29	2	13	2	1	.149
Walker	29	3	9	1	0	.130
Groom	34	4	11	3	1	.119

PRESIDENT LYNCH STANDS ON RECORD

National League Head Refuses to Announce His Candidacy for Re-election.

Thomas Joseph Lynch, president of the National League, refuses to say, whether he intends to be a candidate for re-election, assuming the attitude that he never sought the position, and that he is up to the men who brought him from New Britain to New York to say whether he shall continue in the baseball business or go back to his home town and lend all his energy to booming the Roswyn Lyceum Theater of that city.

Lynch at heart is a demon baseball fan. He loves the national game, though he is not fond of the way the fans follow him occasionally behave.

Thomas Joseph, after his election, confessed he was surprised that the magnates of the senior organization had picked him out to be the president of the National League, and announced that he would do his best to justify their choice.

Lynch, when he took his seat in the presidential chair, frankly acknowledged that he did not know everything about the duties of the position to which he had been elected. Last December he said he hoped that when the magnates of the National League met this winter the consensus of opinion about his occupancy of the presidential chair would be that he had made good.

No King of Presidents.

Lynch, in a year's time, did not expect that he would earn for himself the title of "King of Presidents," but he is more or less satisfied in his own mind that he hasn't been a gigantic failure as an executive, and wonders whether or not his employees and the public agree with him in his contention.

Lynch, should he go out electioneering for votes, easily could gain sufficient to insure his retention in office, but he has refused to say any plans for the future and is willing to let the magnates either elect or re-elect him. That is Lynch's present attitude, and he refuses to swerve from it.

May Be Re-elected.

Lynch undoubtedly will be re-elected to the presidency of the National League at the meeting to be held in New York next month, and will not have to turn a hand in order to succeed himself. His administration of the affairs of the senior organization has pleased most of the magnates. John T. Brush, president of the New York club, is satisfied with the Lynch regime, and so are Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pirates; Garry Herrmann, owner of the Reds, and John Y. Harris, the majority stockholder of the Pittsburgh club.

Under the revised constitution of the National League, Lynch can retain the presidency if he gets four votes, which now he is sure of.

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